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RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 27th August, 1954

No. 38(1)-T.B./54.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Hurricane Lantern Industry on the basis of an enquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. On the main question before it the Commission has reported that as the fair ex-works prices of indigenous hurricane lanterns are lower than the landed costs, ex-duty of imported lanterns, the industry is no longer in need of tariff protection. The protection granted to the industry will, therefore, not be continued beyond the 31st December, 1954.

2. The Commission has made some ancillary recommendations to help the industry. These are:—

- (a) Some of the indigenous manufacturers are resorting to the unfair practice of embossing on lanterns phrases indicating some sort of foreign origin for them. Suitable action should be taken by Government to prevent such practices.
- (b) The Indian Standards Institution should take steps to expedite the formulation of standard specifications for hurricane lanterns.
- (c) The Ministry of Transport should examine the position regarding shipping freights on hurricane lanterns from India and take suitable steps to relieve the Indian industry of any handicaps arising from this factor.

3. Government have taken note of these recommendations and propose to pursue the points raised further. Government take a serious view of the marking of indigenous hurricane lanterns to suggest that they are of foreign origin and will take necessary steps to prevent such use of a false trade description. The Indian Standards Institution is requested to expedite the formation of standards for this industry. The Ministry of Transport are examining the position regarding shipping freights.

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